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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed on June 2, 2005 in connection with the above-identified patent application. A shortened statutory period for filing a response to the Office Action is set to expire on September 2, 2005. Reconsideration of this case is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 24-28 have been amended.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 12 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including replacement drawings is attached following page 14 of this paper.